

A Work Session of the Albemarle County School Board was held on November 14, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., Lane Auditorium, Albemarle County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

PRESENT: Mr. Stephen Koleszar; Dr. Kate Acuff; Ms. Katrina Callsen (arrived at 5:40 p.m.); Mr. Graham Paige; Mr. Jason Buyaki (arrived at 5:40 p.m.); Mr. David Oberg (arrived at 5:55 p.m.); and Mr. Jonno Alcaro.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Matthew Haas, Superintendent; Ms. Rosalyn Schmitt, Chief Operating Officer; Ms. Debbie Collins, Deputy Superintendent; Dr. Clare Keiser, Assistant Superintendent; Dr. Bernard Hairston, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Ross Holden, School Board Attorney; and Mrs. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk.

Agenda Item No. 1.1. Closed Meeting

At 5:30 p.m., Mr. Paige offered a **motion** that the Albemarle County Public School Board go into a closed meeting as authorized by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, section 2.2-3711(A) of the Code of Virginia under subsection 3 for discussion and consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose; and subsection 8 for consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by the School Board regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. Mr. Koleszar **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Ms. Callsen, Mr. Buyaki and Mr. Oberg absent.**

Agenda Item No. 1.2. Closed Meeting Certification.

Mr. Paige offered a **motion** that the Board certify by recorded vote that to the best of each Board member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and identified in the motion authorizing the Closed Meeting were heard, discussed or considered in the Closed Meeting. Mr. Koleszar **seconded** the motion. **Roll was called, and the motion passed by the following recorded votes:**

AYES: Mr. Koleszar, Dr. Acuff, Ms. Callsen, Mr. Paige, Mr. Buyaki, Mr. Oberg, and Mr. Alcaro.

NAYS: None

Motion carried by a 7:0 vote.

Agenda Item No. 1.3. Call to Order.

At 6:30 p.m., Mr. Alcaro called the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board back to order.

Agenda Item No. 1.4. Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item No. 1.5. Moment of Silence.

Agenda Item No. 2.1. Approval of Agenda.

Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to approve the agenda. Mr. Oberg **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 3.1. Approval of Consent Agenda.

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- 3.2. Personnel Action
- 3.3. For Information: School Board Governance Manual
- 3.4. For Action: Policy Reviews and Revisions
- 3.5. Draft Policy for a Student Representative on the School Board

Mr. Buyaki offered a **motion** to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Oberg **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 4.0. Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda. None.

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Announcements.

Dr. Haas announced that students attended a field trip at Luckstone. They used career and technical education skills, geometry, and leadership skills while working with Luckstone staff.

Mr. Alcaro announced that there are pies available for purchase from CATEC for Thanksgiving. Use the CATEC website to place an order.

Agenda Item No. 6.1. Public Comment. None.

Agenda Item No. 7.1. School Board/Superintendent Business. None.

Agenda Item No. 7.2. Approval of Resolution

Mr. Oberg offered a **motion** that the Board approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE TRANSFER OF
PROPERTY TO THE ALBEMARLE COUNTY SCHOOL
BOARD FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HIGH SCHOOL CENTER**

WHEREAS, on December 22, 2000, Albemarle County purchased of the following parcels of land located at 133 Galaxie Farm Lane, 167 Galaxie Farm Lane, and 1506 Scottsville Road, and with the intent that all or some of these parcels would be used for public educational purposes by the School Board; and

Parcel ID	Address	Acres
09100-00-00-01100	133 Galaxie Farm Lane	15.80
09100-00-00-01000	167 Galaxie Farm Lane	8.33
09100-00-00-008B0	1506 Scottsville Road	8.34

WHEREAS, the School Board desires to construct on Parcel 09100-00-00-01100 a high school center that will have the capacity to accommodate 400 students at one time and provide educational resources that will enhance the academic programs of the existing School Board high schools; and

WHEREAS, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors supports the School Board in its efforts to establish a new high school center for the students of Albemarle County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ALBEMARLE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD that:

1. The School Board hereby requests that the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors transfer Parcel 09100-00-00-01100 located at 133 Galaxie Farm Lane by deed to the School Board for the purpose of constructing a high school center.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The undersigned Clerk of the Albemarle County School Board certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct extract from the minutes of a regular meeting of the Albemarle County School Board held on the 13th day of November, 2019, and of the whole thereof so far as applicable to the matters referred to in such extract.

WITNESS my signature and the seal of the Albemarle County School Board this 14th day of November, 2019.

Mr. Paige **seconded** the motion. Mr. Alcaro asked for discussion. Ms. Callsen acknowledges that this is not an ideal location. Mr. Buyaki stated that “the price is right.” Ms. Callsen appreciates that ACPS is using county property but does not like the location. **The motion passed with Ms. Callsen voting no.**

Agenda Item No. 8.1. State of the Division and Fiscal Year 2021 Funding Request Work Session.

Dr. Haas, Ms. Collins, and Ms. Schmitt provided for the Board’s consideration and discussion the unpacking of Work in Progress, the 2019 ACPS State of the Division Report, interactively with one-another and staff. Based on their analysis of the most current summative school system results, the Board will consider strategic actions to improve school system effectiveness in providing high quality teaching and learning and the best experience possible for students, staff, and families. A discussion and outline of next steps in the funding request development for fiscal year 2021 will culminate the session.

Ms. Ellen Osborne and Ms. Judy Le (Board member-elects) were invited to be part of the conversation. Ms. Osborne was not able to attend, but Ms. Judy Le did attend. Staff members Amy Morris, Jason Crutchfield, Seth Kennard, Chad Ratliff, Josh Walton and Patrick McLaughlin facilitated the conversation and work session with the Board members.

Board members reported out on areas of strength and weakness of the State of the Division report. Some items mentioned as strengths were the equity dashboard and the creation of school improvement plans. Some opportunities mentioned are communication of learning expectations to parents and fidelity of PLCs (professional learning communities). The Board also provided requests for additional data points to staff.

Next, Board members brainstormed ideas for strategies to include as they develop their budget request.

Agenda Item No. 9.1. Other Business by Board Members/Superintendent.

Mr. Alcaro asked for Board discussion on two things – the governance manual and the student representative proposal.

Ms. Callsen discussed convening an environmental advisory committee that would advise the Board and make recommendations to improve environmental stewardship. Dr. Acuff supported the idea. She suggested that ACPS provide more information and communication via the website about our current initiatives. She also wants to link the Board’s environmental resolution to the concrete initiatives that ACPS has in place to support environmental stewardship. She suggests the advisory committee would focus on buildings, grounds, transportation, and curriculum. Mr. Alcaro asked staff what was needed to make this happen. Ms. Schmitt said she would need clear purpose and deliverables from the Board. Dr. Haas says to add this committee to the policy on advisory groups. Mr. Koleszar recommended having an agenda item about this topic at the next Board meeting with the action being to establish this committee. Mr. Alcaro agreed and asked staff to update the policy. Dr. Acuff reminded staff to update the website.

Mr. Alcaro asked the Board members for comments on the student representative proposal and the governance manual, attached to the consent agenda. He had two questions on the student representative proposal. Would we ask the student representative to attend future conferences? He suggests that he will look into the logistics around attending the conferences. He also asked the Board about the start date of the student representative and suggested April 1st.

Mr. Koleszar made suggestions about the governance manual. He says the Board needs to make a decision about when the Board materials are presented. He says that the Board packet should go out the Friday before the Board meeting and if the materials are not done, the items should be pushed to the next meeting. The Board should set a timeline when the packet is published.

Agenda Item No. 10.1. Closed Meeting – if needed.

Mr. Paige offered a **motion** that the School Board go into closed meeting as authorized by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, section 2.2-3711(A) of the Code of Virginia under subsection 1 for discussion and consideration of the employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, discipline, resignation of specific public office appointees and employees of any public body for consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by the School Board regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. Mr. Oberg **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 11.1. Closed Meeting Certification.

Mr. Paige offered a **motion** that the Board certify by recorded vote that to the best of each Board member’s knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and identified in the motion authorizing the Closed Meeting were heard, discussed or considered in the Closed Meeting. Mr. Buyaki **seconded** the motion. **Roll was called, and the motion passed by the following recorded votes:**

AYES: Mr. Koleszar, Dr. Acuff, Ms. Callsen, Mr. Paige, Mr. Buyaki, Mr. Oberg, and Mr. Alcaro.
NAYS: None.

Motion carried by a 7:0 vote.

Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to uphold the decision of the Superintendent’s designee regarding employee number one. Dr. Acuff **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Oberg voting no.**

Agenda Item No. 12.1. Adjournment.

At 9:46 p.m., hearing no objections, Mr. Alcaro adjourned the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board.

Chairman

Clerk